

# NEWSLETTER

**LOWER ALTAMAHA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
P.O. BOX 1405  
DARIEN, GEORGIA 31305**

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Meetings are held at the Ida Hilton Public Library, Haynes Auditorium, on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M. The Society extends a hearty welcome to all.

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**LOWER ALTAMAHA HISTORICAL SOCIETY--- 1998-99----OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:**

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Your contribution to any of these committees is welcome. Please contact the committee chairman.

**LAHS MEETING, JUNE 18, 1998, 7:00 P.M.  
HAYNES AUDITORIUM, IDA HILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
HOSPITALITY: Helen Buck, Everett Moriarty  
DUTCH TREAT SUPPER, 6:00 P.M. AT ARCHIE'S**

*The Sea Island Company--Then & Now* will be the program presented by Alfred W. (Bill) Jones III. The Sea Island Company, that owns and operates the Sea Island resort, including The Cloister Hotel and property development on Sea Island and St. Simons Island is an outstanding asset in Coastal Georgia. The Cloister Hotel is a Mobil Five Star resort. Sea Island Company was selected the 1996 National Family Business of the Year (large category) by MassMutal, the Blue Chip Company.

Alfred W. (Bill) Jones III is the President & Chief Executive Officer of Sea Island Company. He is on the Board of Directors of many local and national companies and organizations. He and his wife Sally, live on St. Simons Island and are members of the Wesley United Methodist Church where Bill serves on their board of trustees. Bill is a long time member and supporter of LAHS.

LAHS MEETING, JULY 16, 1998, 7:00 P.M.

**SAPELO ISLAND VISITORS CENTER, MERIDIAN  
POT LUCK PICNIC SUPPER, 6:00 P.M.**

LAHS will furnish the paper products and drinks for this fellowship picnic, prior to the meeting.

*Victorian Life Styles in Coastal Georgia--1850-1870* will be the program presented by Patricia Buie of Darien. Life styles of specific people that lived in McIntosh and Glynn Counties during this antebellum and postbellum period will be highlighted by Trish. The War Between the States had a dramatic effect on the plantations of Coastal Georgia. Trish will relate the stories of specific people in this area.

Patricia Matrangos Buie, second generation Greek, was raised in Atlanta. For the past ten years, she has been an active participant in Civil War Reenactments throughout the southeastern United States. She is president of the Robert E. Lee Auxillary to the SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, Thomas Marsh Camp in Brunswick.

Trish is married to Howard Buie, they live in Darien. They have four children and two grandchildren.  
Trish Buie

**LAHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, AUGUST 20, 1998, 4:30 P.M.**

The members of LAHS are welcome to attend the Board meeting.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

July 4            **FORT KING GEORGE--CANNONS ACROSS THE MARSH**            11-4 p.m.

Celebrate the Fourth by visiting Ft. King George and observe the firing of 18th century artillery pieces. Visitors can learn of the 18th century artillery drill and the skills that were involved. Demonstrations will be given on the hour. Refresh yourself after the program with a cool piece of complimentary watermelon. As a special treat, see the fort and the artillery display from the river in a canoe!

**FORT KING GEORGE HISTORIC SITE--ALTAMAHA RIVER CANOE EXCURSIONS**

September 26--Honeygall Creek (intermediate)---A beautiful 8 mile trip through hardwood swamps, old rice fields of Altama Plantation and Carr's Island.

For more information & registration contact: Fort King George State Historic Site, P.O. Box 711, Darien, Ga. 31305. Telephone: 912 437 4770

***LIVING ON THE GEORGIA TIDEWATER***

*Charles Oliver Fulton (1848-1911) and his wife Harriet Clifford Townsend (1854-1938) were the grandparents of Natalie Fulton Webb and Patricia Fulton Skipper. The following is just a portion of their living experiences on the Georgia Tidewater.*

Charles Oliver Fulton's parents William James & Amelia Andrews Fulton are buried in the Little Flemming Cemetery in Liberty County.----- His great grandfather, John Fulton is buried in Midway Cemetery in Liberty County.----- His great great great grandfather was Samuel Fulton. In February 1762 Samuel

Fulton , was one of a group of inhabitants of Williamsburg District in the Province of Carolina who migrated to Georgia, he brought his wife, 6 children (3 sons and 3 daughters), and 23 slaves. He settled upon land granted to him on a stream which flowed into the north side of the Altamaha River in St. Andrew Parish (Now McIntosh County), some 30 miles southwest of Midway settlement. It is not known how Samuel Fulton came to Georgia. Historians say many early settlers in Carolina who had come from some of the northern colonies drove their livestock overland, and Samuel Fulton may have done the same. Shortly after reaching Georgia, Samuel Fulton was appointed Esquire (Justice of Peace) for St. Andrew Parish and Commissioner of Roads for the town of Darien.

During the years between 1762 and 1777 there were several Fultons residing in both St. Andrew Parish and St. John Parish . Some of these participated in the patriotic meetings in the Province of Georgia. In 1777, the parishes of Georgia were formed into counties. The county formed from the parishes of St. John, St. Andrew, and St. James was called Liberty County. At this time most of the Fultons were found in Liberty County. In 1793 the former Parish of St. Andrew was cut off therefrom to form McIntosh County.

A century later, in 1873, Charles Oliver Fulton marries Harriet Clifford Townsend in McIntosh County. In 1875, he purchases Black Island from Marsden C. Mints. Charles Oliver was a "LAND-LOVER". He purchased large tracts in Belvedere Plantation, Marengo, Jones, Jones Station and Mosquito Plantation.

Charles Oliver Fulton was one of the most enterprising merchants in McIntosh County during the Reconstruction and postbellum periods. He owned considerable acreage in the north western section of McIntosh County at Jonesville on which he raised cattle to supply his meat business. In 1873 Fulton opened the Darien Market, in which he specialized in meats and vegetables. In October 1877 it was reported in "The Darien Timber Gazette" that Mr. Fulton has sold out his interest in *Fulton Market* to Capt. C. H. Steadwell. Fulton has embarked in a new business that of a Wholesale Butcher. Capt. Steadwell will manage *Fulton Market*.

Charles Oliver purchased 1030 acres at Marsh Landing on Sapelo, from Mrs. Nellie Spaulding. On October 1, 1898, the hurricane, tidal wave devastated McIntosh and the islands. Charles Oliver's daughter, Effie and her husband Lee Russell and their small child, were living on Sapelo with Effie's unmarried brother Charlie when the storm covered Sapelo. Along with visiting friends and neighbors they took refuge from the storm by climbing a large live oak tree. These adult children of Charles Oliver and Harriet Fulton managed their fathers crops, live stock and vegetable & meat store on Sapelo.

Charles & Harriet Fulton lived on Black Island. Their house, as described by their daughter, Minnie, was a big "barney" structure, with 4 rooms up and 4 downstairs. It had a hallway in the center, and a big fireplace in every room. The Fulton's had nine children, three of them were girls, six of them attained adulthood. Natalie and Pattie's father was James Wilbur. Som of the children attended private school. Most of the time they would ride to and from school. If the horse was being used for some work on the place, they would walk, a good two miles to school. Minnie describes the isolation and beauty of Black Island. It was three miles to town. "There was first a short strip of causeway, then a bridge over the river, then more causeway --the road winding with a few curves, very narrow and no way to pass another vehicle if you met one. Then add to that a dark night, maybe a hightide which would wash over parts of the road, or a skittish horse, liable to put you in the ditch. Or perhaps a few cows "parked" at the gate end of the bridge hoping for a chance to get out. All of this and maybe more, so no wonder a girl living in such a place, had few boyfriends and was likely to die an old maid."